


light intensity across the foliage.

An inexpensive timer can be used to provide the samples about 18 hours of light per day. Don't worry about trying to mimic spring-time day length, since the idea is to get any live grass growing as fast as possible. Use this technique, and the live turf should green up and

begin growing within about five days or so to provide valuable information regarding the condition of putting surfaces. Samples taken during the winter can be quickly processed the same way, and the whole setup doesn't cost more than \$50. Not a bad price to pay for some peace of mind and, as an added

bonus, the rare opportunity to thumb your nose at Mother Nature.

No doubt, the idea of using grow lamps to maintain grass indoors may have already occurred to some of you in the past, especially veteran superintendents attending turf schooback in the 60's and 70's. 

## Coming Events

**April 19 Monday, Abbey Springs GC Fontana  
Host - David E Smith**

**May 10 Monday, Wild Rock GC, Wisconsin Dells  
Host - Mike Blazich**

**June 8 Tuesday, WI Super/Pro Morningstar GC Waukesha (WI PGA Event)  
Host - Travis Krauklis**

**July 12 Monday, Watertown CC, Watertown  
Host - Michael Upthegrove**

**July 19-22, Wisconsin State Amateur  
The Bull, Sheboygan, Host - Pat Shaw**

**July 27 Tuesday, Summer Field Day  
OJ Noer Research Facility, Verona**

**August 9 Monday, Oneida Golf and CC, Green Bay  
Host - Mark Storby**

**August 12-15, 92 PGA Championship  
Straits Course at Whistling Straits, Sheboygan, Host - Mike Lee**

**August 23-25, Wisconsin State Open  
The Legend at Bristlcone, Hartland - Host Josh Lepine**

**September 20, Monday, Wee One Fundraiser  
Pine Hills C.C. Sheboygan, Host - Rod Johnson**

**October 8 & 9, Couples Weekend Saddle Ridge GC, Portage  
Host - Seth Brogen**

**October (TBA) WTA Fundraiser for the Fellowship**

**Nov 16-17, Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium  
Kohler, American Club**